

FOREST INSECT AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT UNIT
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
DORAVILLE, GEORGIA

REPORT OF AERIAL DETECTION SURVEY

LAND OWNERSHIP OR SURVEY AREA: Cherokee National Forest,
Hiawassee, Ocoee, Tellico,
Nolichucky, Unaka, Watauga
Ranger Districts

STATE: Tennessee

AREA WITHIN SURVEY BOUNDARY: 1,204,112 acres

DATES SURVEYED: 7/21/77
8/11/77
8/24/77

PERCENT COVERAGE: 50%

AIRCRAFT: Cessna 182

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SURVEY OBJECTIVES: To detect forest insect and disease activity on the Cherokee National Forest. Special emphasis was placed on delineating areas of pine mortality suspected to be caused by southern pine beetle activity.

SURVEY RESULTS

A total of eight spots containing an estimated 40 red and fading pine trees was detected on the Cherokee National Forest. Spot size ranged from 1 to 15 trees. Large areas of standing dead pine trees were observed, probably killed by the southern pine beetle. The location and size of each spot is shown on the attached maps.

Scattered defoliation, primarily along Iron Mountain Ridge, was detected from the air. The causal agent for this defoliation is unknown at this time.

Two areas which appeared to be hardwood defoliation on Roan Mountain were observed during the aerial survey. However, subsequent ground checks revealed evidence of winter and late frost injury to beech.

CONCLUSIONS

Southern pine beetle activity is at a very low level on the Cherokee National Forest.

Defoliated areas detected during this survey should be resurveyed next summer to determine the causal agent(s).

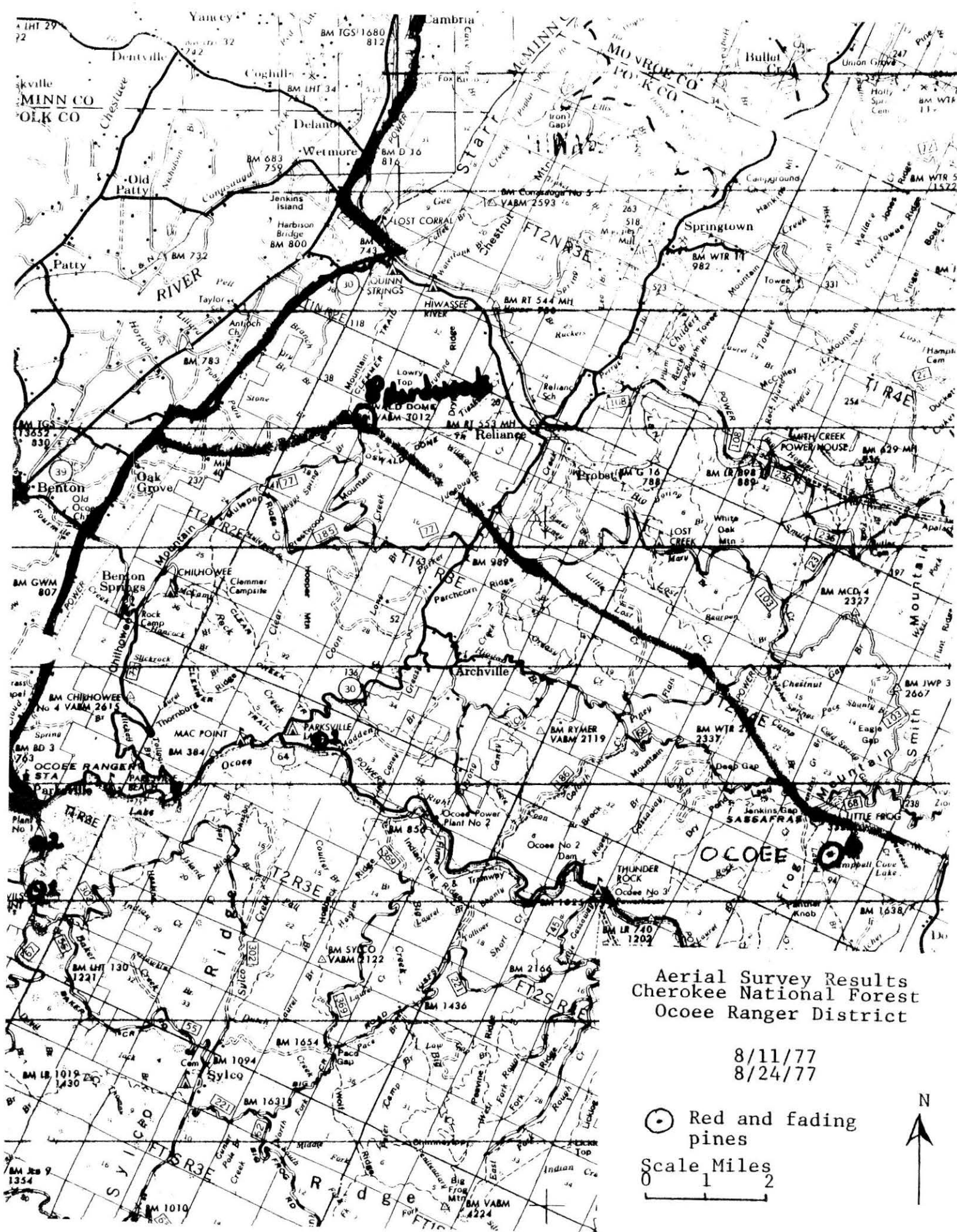
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Aerial Survey Results
Cherokee National Forest
Ocoee Ranger District

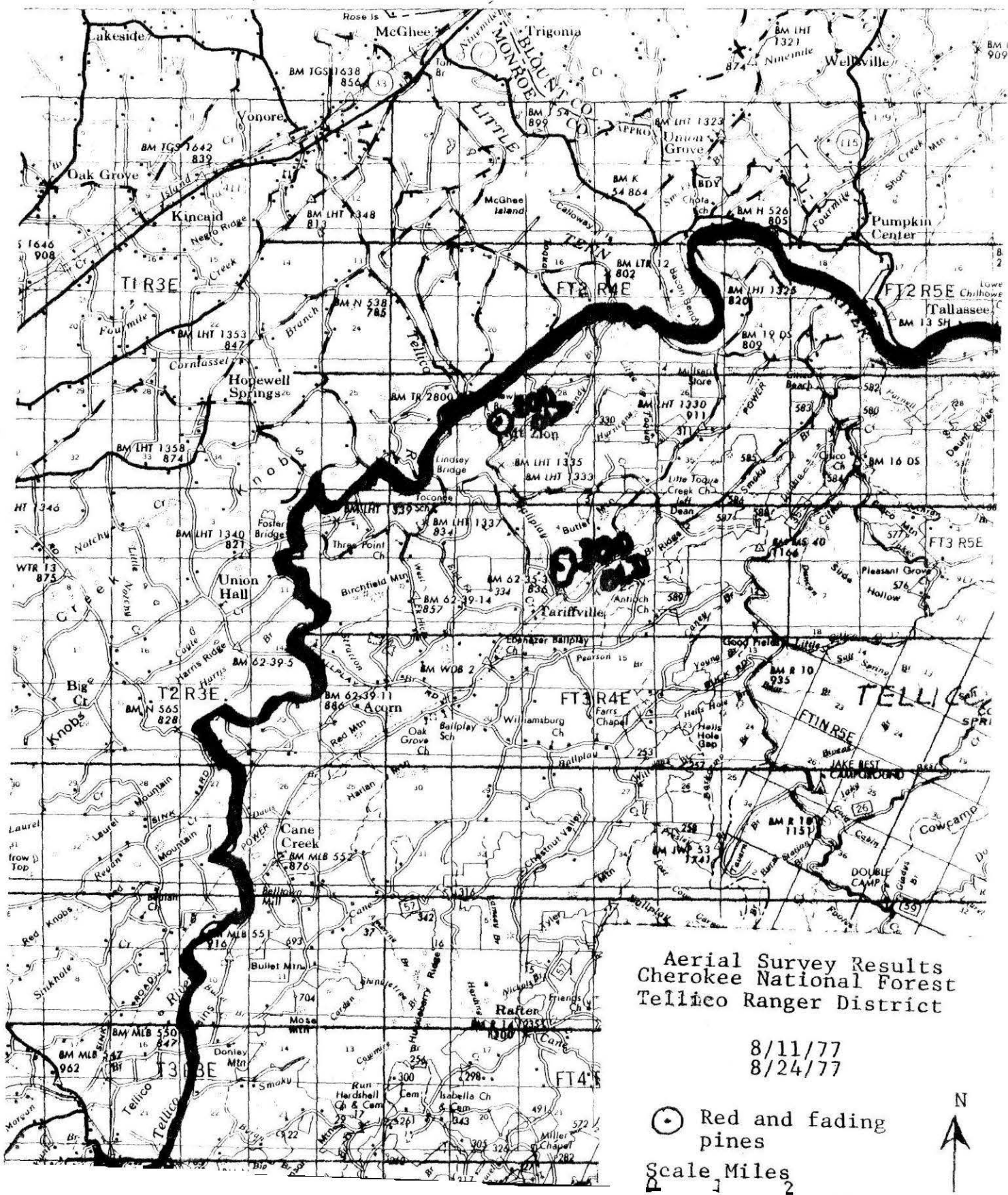
8/11/77
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○ Red and fading
pines

Scale Miles
0 1 2



MARYVILLE 14 MILES



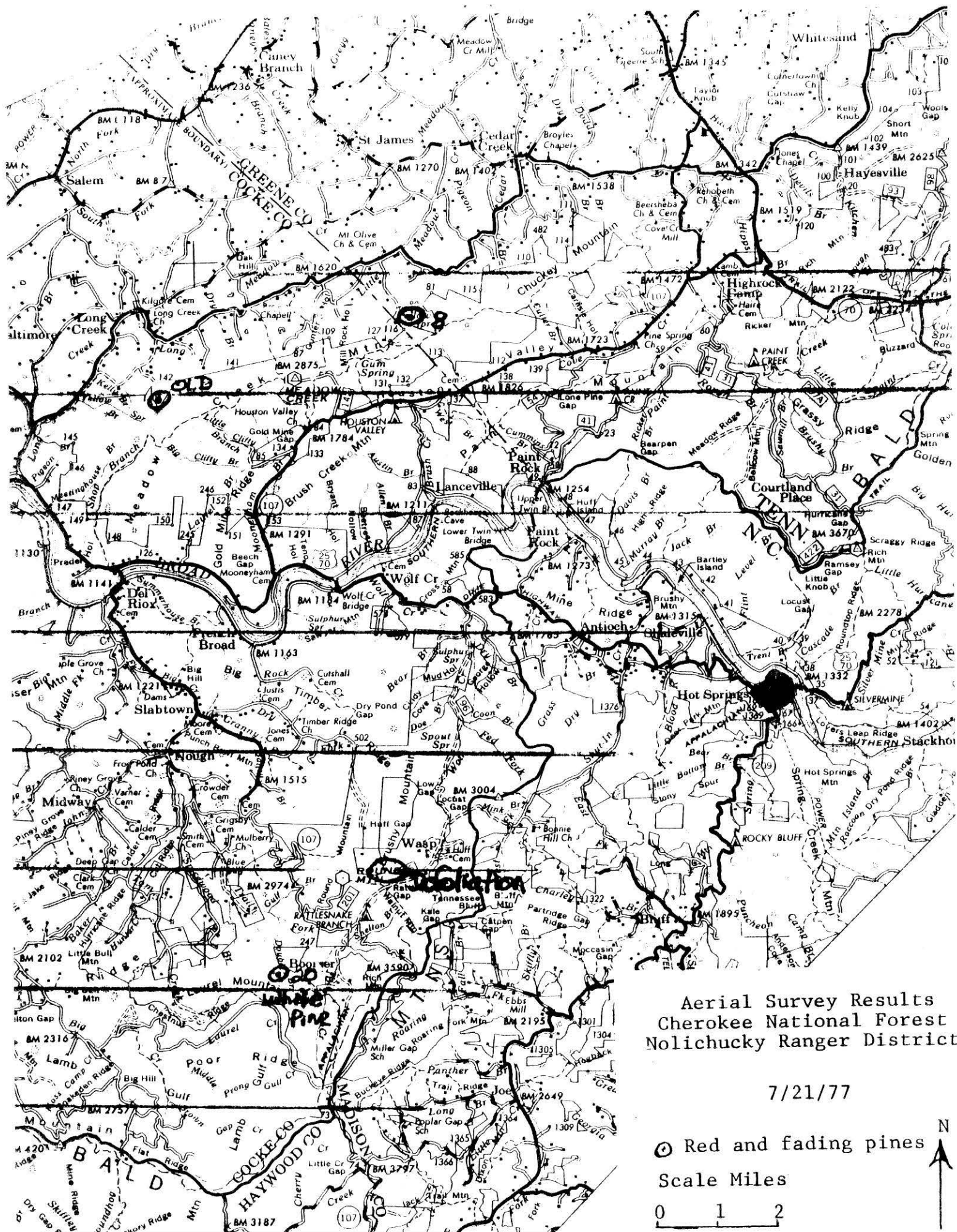
Aerial Survey Results
Cherokee National Forest
Tellico Ranger District

8/11/77
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⊙ Red and fading
pines

Scale 1 Miles 2





Aerial Survey Results Cherokee National Forest Watauga Ranger District

○ Red and fading pines



Hardwood
Defoliation

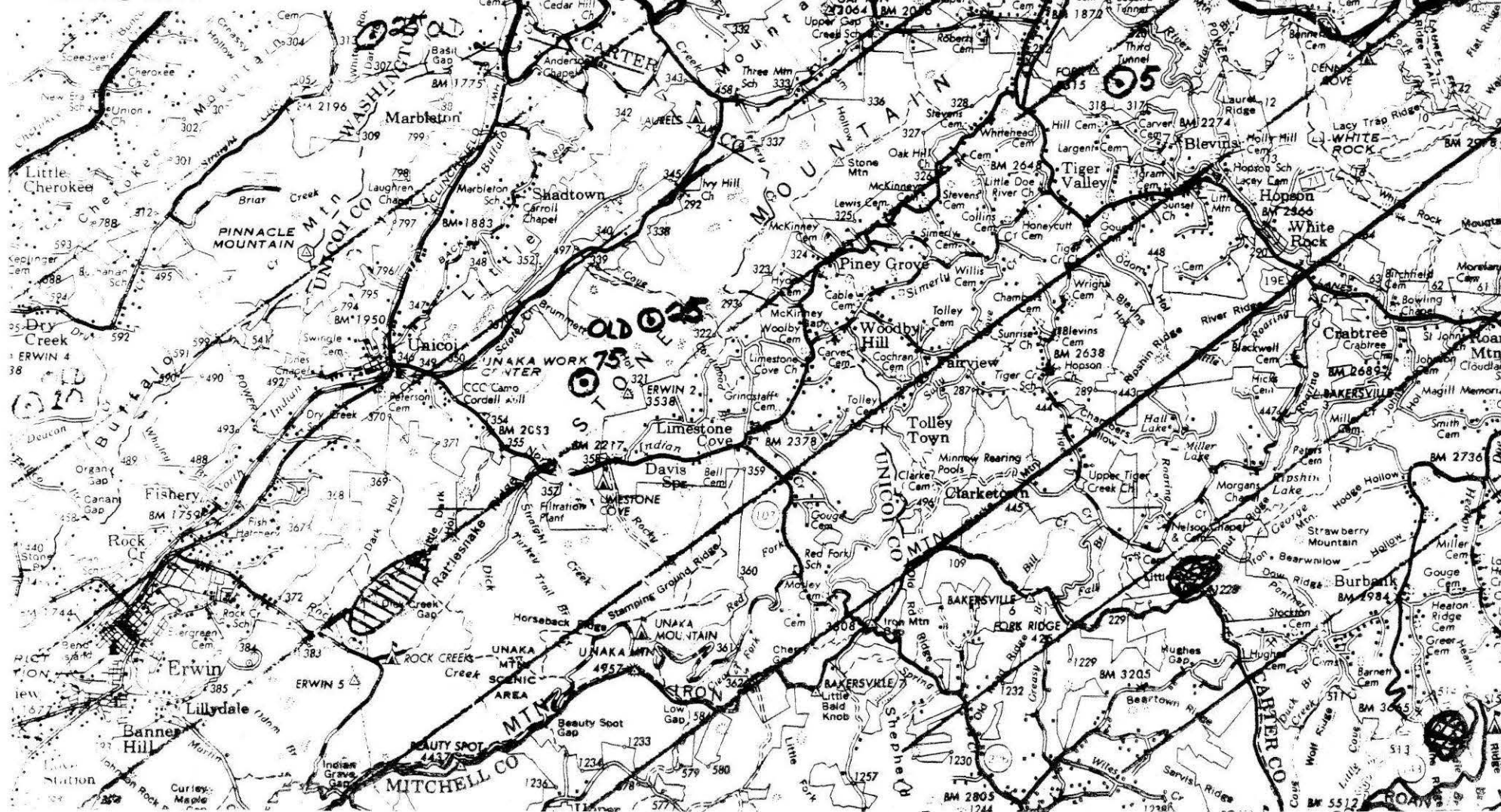
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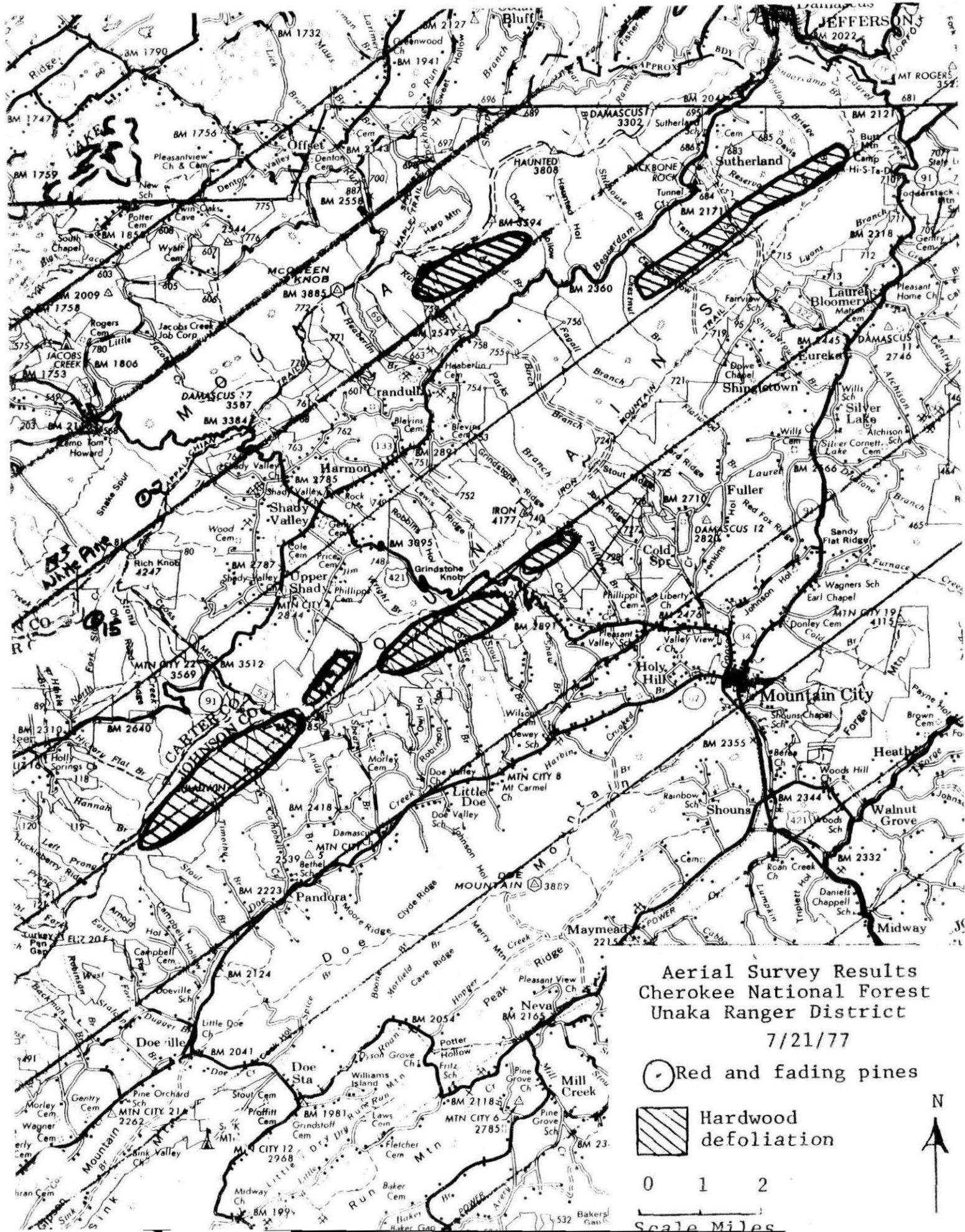
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Frost
damage

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Aerial Survey Results
Cherokee National Forest
Unaka Ranger District

7/21/77

○ Red and fading pines

▨ Hardwood
defoliation

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Scale Miles

